

--21. The measurement apparatus of claim 20, wherein the magnetic material is a length of ferrite rubber.--

--22. The measurement apparatus of claim 21, wherein the magnetic material is disposed in the channel.--

--23. The measurement apparatus of claim 19, wherein the channel is adapted to hold the scale at scale edge portions only.

--24. The measurement apparatus of claim 19, wherein the track is formed from aluminum and is extruded.--

--25. The measurement apparatus of claim 19, wherein the track is formed from magnetic ferrite rubber, the rubber having the channel formed therein.--

--26. The measurement apparatus of claim 19, wherein the scale is magnetic or magnetisable.--

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--27. A measurement apparatus comprising a measurement scale for use with a scale readhead; and an elongate track that holds the scale, the elongate track having a channel wherein the elongate track attracts magnetically the measurement scale to the channel.--

--28. The measurement apparatus of claim 19, further comprising a scale tensioner for tensioning the scale on the track.--

--29. The measurement apparatus of claim 28, wherein the tensioner includes a preloadable member operable to urge a scale into tension.--

--30. The measurement apparatus of claim 29, wherein the preloadable member includes a resilient part and the tensioner includes also a loading part for preloading the member and for releasing the preload.--

REMARKS

Claims 19-30 are pending. Claims 11-18 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-10 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 19-30 have been added.